

## WASHOUT CAUSES PASSENGER WRECK

Engine Passes Over, but Coaches and Pullman Tumble in Break.

## TRAINMEN AND PASSENGERS HURT

Little Girl Saved from Drowning by Traveling Man, Who Breaks Window and Plunges in to Her Rescue—A Terrific Shock.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
CLARKSVILLE, Va., August 14.—Southern Railway train No. 3, the Norfolk and Danville Division, due to arrive here at 1:20 this morning from Norfolk, was wrecked four miles west of South Hill, Va., about 12:30 last night. The train was about thirteen minutes late, when it ran into a washout through a fill about fifteen feet deep, where the box culvert and about fifteen feet of earth were washed away by heavy rains.

The engine crossed safely over, but the baggage coach and second-class coach and Pullman were all turned over and badly wrecked.

The first-class coach was left standing almost crossways the track. While no deaths are reported, a number of the passengers, together with Conductor C. N. Walte, of Danville, and Brakeman Overton, of Norfolk, were badly bruised or hurt in some way.

One lady and gentleman were so fastened in the Pullman that they had to be cut out, and the gentleman, when last seen, was suffering very much from his injuries.

By the heroic and timely action of Mr. J. C. Blake, a traveling salesman, a little girl in the Pullman was saved from drowning as the car was partly under water. Mr. Blake heard the screams of the little child and broke his way through one of the windows of the car, plunged into the water and saved her.

The shock was terrific, and the escape from death to many on the train was marvelous. The wreck is being cleared as speedily as possible, and the train is being made for each train east and west.

**The Injured.**  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SOUTH HILL, Va., August 14.—The following were injured in the wreck on the Southern Railway this morning near South Hill:

T. Byson, Knoxville, Tenn.; injured about the lower part of body. W. H. Butler, Portsmouth, Va.; arm sprained. Mrs. C. D. Allen, Tobacco City, Tenn.; lower limb badly sprained. R. C. Overton, Danville, Va.; back and side injured. William D. C. Kesber, Pensacola, Fla.; foot and hand cut by glass. H. V. Pearson, Danville, Va.; hand cut and back injured. Frank Road, colored, Franklin, Va.; head and face cut.

Rev. Ed. Z. Richardson, of Richmond, was in one of the coaches wrecked this morning near South Hill, on the Southern Railway. He escaped without injury and rendered valuable service in rescuing others from the overturned coaches.

**The Injured at Danville.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
DANVILLE, Va., August 14.—An extra train sent out from Danville to take the injured passengers returned at 3 o'clock this afternoon. All of the injured are getting along nicely, and no fatalities will occur.

**Road Tied Up.**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
BRISTOL, TENN., August 14.—Traffic is tied up to-night on the Virginia and Southwestern Railway, due to a cloud-burst, which flooded and damaged the track in the valley near Mendota, Va. The track is submerged.

**NEGRO FEDERAL TROOPS UNRULY; FIRE IN STREET**

(By Associated Press.)

BROWNSVILLE, TEX., August 14.—Evidently angry because of a search made among their ranks in an effort to apprehend a negro who attacked Mrs. Evans at her home here last evening and who, she asserted, was a negro soldier, members of a battalion of negro Federal troops stationed at Fort Brown, near here, entered Brownsville to-day, became unruly and fired several volleys down Main Street.

As a result, a man named Natu, a baker, is dead and Police- man Joseph Domingue is wounded. His arm and hand shattered by a bullet. His horse was shot from under him. The battalion of Fort Brown is composed of Companies B, C and D. Twenty-fourth Infantry. Representations have been made to the Governor and a request made that the negro be removed immediately to avoid further trouble.

**SAVED THREE WOMEN, BUT WAS HIMSELF KILLED**

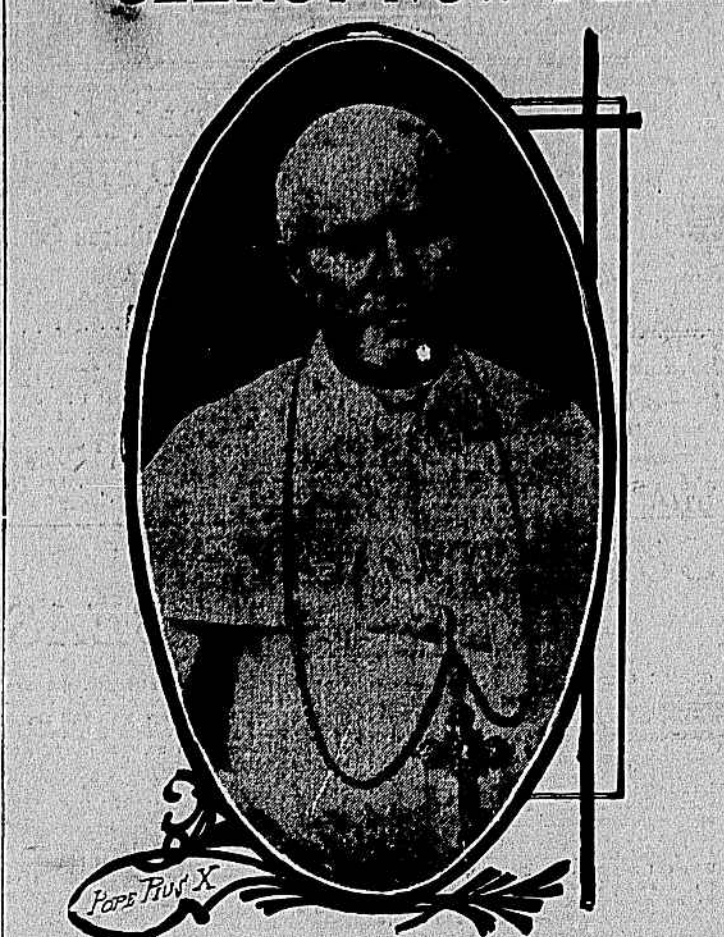
(By Associated Press.)

ALLENSTOWN, PA., August 14.—In his successful efforts to save the lives of three women, Daniel Colt, aged twenty-one years, a brickman on the Washington Railroad, lost his life to-day. His train was backing through a cut when he saw the women. The space was narrow between the track and the banks, and Colt, fearing they might be caught, signalled to the engineer to stop. Colt's gentleness caused the engineer to shut off steam so suddenly that the train was violently jarred. Colt was thrown under the wheels and killed.

**New Washington Paper.**

WASHINGTON, August 14.—Announcement was made to-day by Scott C. Bone, formerly managing editor of the Washington Post, that a new morning newspaper, to be known as the Washington Herald, will be published here beginning about October 1st. Mr. Bone will be at the head of the enterprise.

## ERA OF RELIGIOUS STRIFE IN FRANCE, CLERGY NOW FEAR



## KILLED WITH HIS HAND ON HIS KEY

Operator Battelle Found Dead in Chair After Lightning Stroke.

## WENT THROUGH HIS BODY

His Watch Stopped and Fern Leaves Imprinted on His Skin.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

PETERSBURG, Va., August 14.—Mr. Stewart Battelle, telegraph operator for the Atlantic Coast Line at Acree, about one mile from the city limits, in Dinwiddie county, was instantly killed this evening by lightning. It is supposed that Mr. Battelle had taken his seat at the operating table to find out if the shifting engine, which was at Acree Station, could make the depot in this city before the through train for Rocky Mount left.

There was a vivid flash of lightning, followed by a terrific thunder clap, and a few minutes after the same, Mr. James Rainey, the yard conductor, went into the office and found Mr. Battelle sitting at the operating table, his head thrown back and his right hand near the key of the instrument, dead. Death was instantaneous. The lightning struck Mr. Battelle on the right side of the head and neck, burning him on that side of the neck, passed over to the left arm, where it tore the flesh, then down the right leg, burning that leg slightly, and passed out through the bottom of the left foot.

A strange feature of the accident is that Mr. Battelle had imprinted upon his breast in red lines the most perfect imitation of fern leaves. Mr. Battelle's watch was found to have stopped exactly at 5 o'clock, and the presumption is that he was struck by the lightning at that hour.

The telegraph table at which Mr. Battelle was working, was wrecked, and all the wires running into the station damaged.

**AYERS DECLARES HE CANNOT ACCEPT IT**

It Seemed a Foregone Conclusion That He Would Be the Nominee.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, TENN., August 14.—The impression has prevailed for three days that if nominated for Congress by the Democratic convention for the Ninth Virginia District, to be held here Thursday, General Rufus A. Ayers, of Big Stone Gap, would accept. Many hopes were built on this impression, but they vanished when General Ayers' letter of this date to former District Chairman W. D. Smith was made public.

"Your letters in regard to the congressional race have been received and carefully considered. Business engagements entered into before my name was mentioned in connection with the nomination, from which I cannot honorably retire, absolutely prevent my accepting the nomination should it be tendered to me. This determination is final and irrevocable."

Judge Charles T. Duncan and former State Senators Bruce and Byars are now the most frequently mentioned names in connection with the nomination.

**THOUSAND ANGRY MEN PURSUE NEGRO FIEND**

(By Associated Press.)

GREENWOOD, S. C., August 14.—One of the most diabolical attempts at criminal assault possible was made to-day upon Miss Jennie Brooks, the twenty-year-old daughter of J. P. Brooks, a prosperous merchant and farmer near this place, by a negro named Bob Davis. The negro, after making some purchases, grabbed up a meat knife and said: "You are my wife."

Seeing an iron bar, the young woman made an attempt to defend herself, whereupon the negro slashed her across the throat, making a gash four inches long, and almost severed two of her fingers. A posse of 1,000 men is in pursuit of the negro, and he is caught he will probably be lynched. Davis' brother was lynched twelve years ago for assaulting a white woman.

**Another Assault.**

(By Associated Press.)

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., August 14.—An unknown man entered the home of Henry Davis, a prosperous farmer, near Baldwin, at 2 o'clock this morning, struck him in the head with an axe as he was asleep beside his wife, and then made a desperate attempt to assault Mrs. Davis. Other members of the family were aroused, and the man escaped through a window. Mrs. Davis says she could not tell whether the man was black or white.

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## RAISE FUNDS FOR COMMERCIAL WAR

Important Meeting of Chamber of Commerce Held Yesterday.

## PLANNING TO MAKE RICHMOND GREATER

Closer Union and More Aggressive Co-operation Among the Business Men of City.

List of Committees to Raise Money to Advertise.

The Chamber of Commerce held a meeting of the utmost significance yesterday afternoon. It has long been felt that a closer union and more aggressive co-operation among the business men of this city was greatly needed. The Chamber of Commerce has furnished this means for union and co-operation for nearly half a century, but in order for its power to serve to keep pace with the growth of Richmond more funds were needed. It was to raise the necessary funds and to supply the requisite sinews for commercial war that yesterday's meeting was held.

It may be safely said that those needs will be more than supplied by the plan which has been adopted and endorsed by the special committee of which Mr. Coleman Wortham is chairman.

Among those present were Messrs. L. T. Christian, Peyton Grymes, H. L. Cabell, John C. Freeman, Thomas Wheelwright, R. G. Reynolds, P. M. Fry, Hamilton Field, T. A. Miller, J. D. Crump, L. H. Jenkins, Gordon Wallace, C. G. Boshier, W. F. Powers, J. M. Carrington, George L. Christian, A. W. Hargrave, James E. Gordon, W. C. Schmidt, T. P. Giles, N. W. Bowe, R. Levy, M. J. Strauss, Harry Ellis, Jr., M. B. Florsheim, J. S. Bryan, J. T. Munce, E. T. Harrison, E. C. Laird.

**History of Movement.**

A little history will help the understanding of the whole movement. Last winter a movement for advertising Richmond was put on foot by a few private individuals, who contributed some \$1,000 out of their own pockets to make a beginning, and this new departure was taken up by the Chamber of Commerce through its Advertising Committee, composed of H. W. Wood, chairman; John B. Russell, T. C. Williams, T. W. B. Rhoads, J. Stewart Bryan, and E. C. Laird.

Under the direction of these gentlemen a handsome booklet was issued, in which Richmond's industrial, mercantile, manufacturing and municipal advantages were briefly set forth. These pamphlets have been widely distributed through the commercial centers of the Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to the pamphlets a series of full page advertisements were inserted in one of America's leading periodicals, and Richmond's advantages industrially were brought to the attention of a very wide circle.

A further effect of this campaign was the awakening of spirit in Richmond that found expression in the impressive and inspiring banquet given by the chamber last May. As a result of that banquet a definite movement was planned for upbuilding, enlarging and maintaining the Chamber of Commerce in a manner commensurate with the dignity and importance of Richmond.

At the first meeting, when the matter was discussed, it was decided that \$30,000 was needed for the chamber, and for such advertisement of Richmond as the chamber should deem necessary.

The committee, composed of Messrs. H. W. Wood, chairman; John B. Russell, T. C. Williams, T. W. B. Rhoads, J. Stewart Bryan, and E. C. Laird, were appointed to whom was delegated the task of raising the residue.

**The Committees.**

Under the directions of its chairman,

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## HEARTBROKEN MOTHERS GO TO HANOVER JAIL TO VISIT SONS HELD FOR GRAVE CRIME



BUSHROD ELMORE, BERNARD McNEIL. Two Richmond boys, charged with highway robbery.

## STOPPED CARS ON SURFACE LINES

Company Took Step and Effort May Be Made to Annul the Charter.

## MANY DRAGGED FROM SEATS

Three Division Inspectors Are Arrested on Warrants Sworn Out by Patrons.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, August 14.—Following the arrest to-night of three division inspectors of the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company on charges of assault in the third degree, the company shut off entirely all of its surface lines leading to Coney Island, taking the position that this was the only way to stop rioting, which has been in progress since Sunday morning at the points where a second fare was demanded by the company's employees.

The arrested inspectors are William Hefferman, William C. Newberry and Frederick J. Gulliver, all of whom were taken into custody on warrants sworn out by passengers who had been dragged from cars. The employees were bailed in the sum of \$500 each.

The stoppage of the surface car traffic had the effect of quieting the disturbances to-night, and the company claims it will not attempt to run the surface cars through to Coney Island at rush hours until the danger of rioting has passed. Counsel for the company to-day declared that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit lines were not afforded police protection. He pointed out that the company is a legal one, according to the laws of New York State, is doing a legal business, and is entitled to police protection when its rights are assailed.

The surface cars which were stopped to-night were run during the morning and early afternoon on a winter schedule, or half-hour headway. There were many disputes at Neck Road and Gravesend Avenue, and a number of passengers were dragged protesting from their cars.

Sheriff Flaherty, of Kings, said to-day he was prepared to swear in 1,000 deputies if the situation should demand, and he did issue commissions to several score whom he sent to the scene of the recent disorders. The stoppage of traffic to-night made the employment of further deputies at this time unnecessary.

**Threat to Annul Charter.**

The company has experienced but little difficulty in collecting second fares from elevated road passengers to Coney Island, and is depending upon this service to solve temporarily at least the existing troubles. The company stopped its surface cars at the second fare limits, despite threats that were made that actions to annul the charter for these roads from Neck Road to Coney Island would be instituted.

**DESPERATE NEGRO RAN TRAIN TO SUIT HIMSELF**

(By Associated Press.)

DECATUR, ALA., August 14.—A Louisville and Nashville freight train reached here from Birmingham to-day practically under the control of a desperate negro. At the point of two revolvers the train was compelled to obey the negro's instructions as to where the train should stop and at what speed the engineer should run his engine from New Castle to this place, a distance of sixty-five miles. Threatening to kill the first man attempting to molest him, he sent the train through to Decatur, where, by a ruse of the engineer, the train was sent into the shop yard, and with the assistance of five other men the negro was captured. It is believed he is wanted for some crime, and adopted this method of escape.

**PENNILESS, DEFENDED LAND WITH SHOTGUN**

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

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**Had Safe Opened.**

Spying a safe in the corner of the room, McNeil thought of opening it, and when he found that he could not work the combination, he twiddled the hinges of the combination, and forced him to open the safe. Nine dollars were taken from this, and the boys complained to the helpless prisoners that there was not enough money in the store to pay them for their night's trouble.

The boys found something over forty dollars, and then commenced to select what goods they wanted from the store. They tried on several pairs of shoes, but none suited them, and the only article that was taken was a collar that McNeil needed.

Behind McNeil was the smaller boy, Elmore, who was twiddled the hinges of the safe. But at this juncture Mr. G. E. Powell, elder brother of the man who at first was held up, came into the store from the rear. He was ordered to hold his hands up, and another revolver flashed in the other hand of McNeil, and another Powell elevated his hands. While the fifteen-year-old boy kept the men covered, Elmore tied them securely.

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Leaving their prisoners bound and on